

## ARTICLE IV

### THE MAYOR

#### Section 24: Mayor

The Mayor shall preside at the meetings of the Council and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this Charter or as may be imposed by the Council, consistent with the duties of the office of Mayor. The Mayor shall have no power of veto, but shall have a vote as a member of the Council. The Mayor shall be recognized as the official head of the City for all ceremonial purposes, by the courts for purpose of serving civil process, for the signing of all legal instruments and documents, and by the Governor for military purposes. On or before the 15th day of January of each year, the Mayor shall communicate by message to the City Council a statement of the conditions and affairs of the City, and make recommendations on such matters as he or she may deem expedient and proper. In time of public danger or emergency, the Mayor may, with the consent of the Council, take command of the police, maintain order and enforce the law.

The rate of pay of the Mayor shall be \$12,000.00 per year.

In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of the Mayor, existing by reason of any cause, the Council shall have authority to fill such vacancy, provided, however, that if the Council shall fail to fill such vacancy by appointment within thirty (30) days after the vacancy, the Council must immediately cause an election to be held to fill such vacancy. Any person appointed to fill such vacancy, shall hold office only until the next regular municipal election, at which date a person shall be elected to serve for the remainder of such unexpired term.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter and commencing with elections held in 1992, no person shall serve more than two (2) consecutive four-year terms as Mayor. If for any reason a person serves a partial term as Mayor in excess of two (2) years, that partial term shall be considered a full term for purposes of this term limit provision. Persons holding the office of Mayor prior to the November 1992 election shall not have prior or current terms be counted for the purpose of applying this term limit provision to future elections.

*(Amendment voted 11-06-1956; effective 01-10-1957.)*

*(Amendment voted 09-17-1963; effective 02-11-1964.)*

*(Amendment voted 06-02-1992; effective 07-13-1992.)*

*(Section 24 is superceded in its entirety by Charter section 265 during the operative period of Charter Article XV. See Charter § 260(a).)*

**Section 24.1: Mayor's Salary**

On or before February 15 of every even year, the Salary Setting Commission shall recommend to the Council the enactment of an ordinance establishing the Mayor's salary for the period commencing July 1 of that even year and ending two years thereafter. The Council shall adopt the salary by ordinance, as recommended by the Commission, or in some lesser amount, but in no event may it increase the amount. The ordinance shall be subject to the referendum provisions of this Charter and upon the filing of a sufficient petition, the ordinance shall not become effective and shall be repealed by the Council or shall forthwith be submitted to a vote of the people at the next general statewide election. *(Addition voted 11-06-1973; effective 12-07-1973.)*

**Section 25: Deputy Mayor**

The Council shall annually in the month of December select one of its members who shall be the Deputy Mayor. The Deputy Mayor shall perform all the duties of the Mayor as prescribed by this Charter or by ordinance when the Mayor is absent or unable to perform his duties.

*(Amendment voted 11-06-1962; effective 01-21-1963.)*

*(Amendment voted 09-17-1963; effective 02-11-1964.)*

*(Section 25 is superceded in its entirety by Charter section 265 during the operative period of Charter Article XV. See Charter § 260(a).)*